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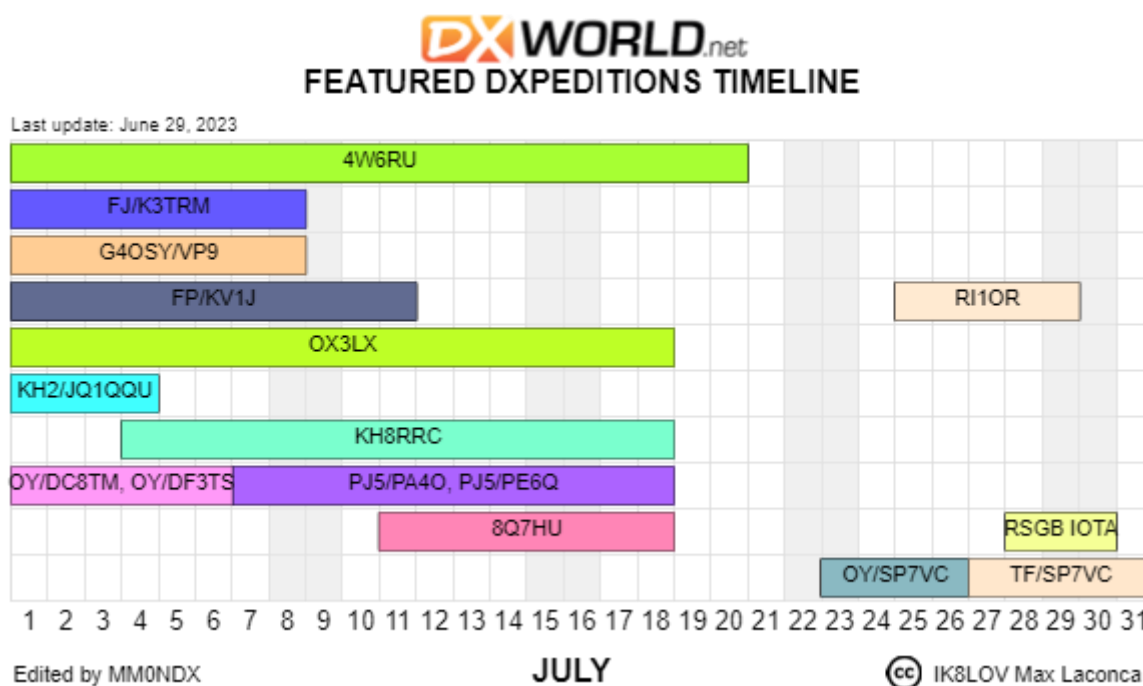
## DX bulletin 515

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## DXCC Timeline



## News

### **MM0UKI Isle of Rockall –update**

Team leader has been rescued and is safe & well according to the Expedition's social media pages. At 1800z, we can see two rescue aircraft arriving Western Isles of Scotland with Cam on one of them. At 1900z, a Press Release was issued:

'Christopher 'Cam' Cameron landed on Rockall, a small islet in the North Atlantic over 200 miles off the West Coast of Scotland, on 30th May 2023. His aim was to stay on Rockall for 60 days to raise £50,000 for ABF, The Soldiers' Charity and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Overnight on 27th/28th June, the weather around Rockall significantly worsened to the point of being dangerous. A lot of Cam's equipment was destroyed by the wind and waves, and on several occasions overnight, he was almost swept away.'

### **VP6A Ducie Island –now QRT**

On 24 June at 16:00 UTC, VP6A went QRT after making just under 62,000 QSOs of which 24%, 15,000 were unique calls. DXCC was obtained on 6 bands.

<https://www.dx-world.net/vp6a-ducie-island/>

### **KH8RRC American Samoa**

With just a short time before departure, the KH8RRC team is close to the needed budget but can still use support.

Please visit their QRZ page to see how you can help them complete a successful Expedition and get a personalized custom QSL card for Century Club donors.

### **DX0NES Scarborough Shoal**

Below is the PayPal address where you can help Gil on his quest to activate a top 5 most wanted DXCC entity.

In the first half of 2024, Gil 4F2KWT (previously [DX0NE](#), Spratly) is looking at the possibility of an exploration trip to Bajo de Masinloc, Scarborough Shoal.

This initial trip will be a solo effort. Plans are for two radios, two laptops and an amplifier. The Radio in Box (RiB) concept is being considered.

To make this DXpedition a reality, support and sponsorship is sought. Approximately \$15,000 is needed to cover costs according to and after dialogue with maritime officials in the region. You can donate any amount to Gil at [f2kwt@yahoo.com](mailto:f2kwt@yahoo.com). Please note: Should this expedition fail to materialize or hit a block, ALL donations will be refunded.

### **Ham radio in Cambodia**

Since the beginning of 2021, the Cambodia government changed the procedure for the licensing of amateur radio. During January 2021 to May 2023 there were no legal amateur radio stations which were permitted from Cambodia government due to being no way to renew or issue licenses. After lots of enthusiastic negotiations with the Cambodian government by local ex-license holders, amateur radio licensing has resumed from June 2023.

Tad, JA1DFK got the same XU7AKU callsign in June 2023; previous operation of 2020 as the first licensee for new licensing system in Cambodia.

As the other local ex-license holders are in progress to apply for their new license, they will be on the air in near future for XU7AEY, XU7AKG, XU7AKJ, XU7AKM, XU7AKP and so on.

### **On the scene...MM0UKI team leader Cameron**



Cam mentions: Dear Troops, many thanks for your kind sentiments and best wishes. While I think of it. I would not be here were it not for the courageous efforts of HM Coastguard in particular, Stornoway Coastguard and The pilots and crew of Rescue 22, and SAR Stornoway. A big thank you also, to the Captain and crew of MV Nassau Borg, who maintained a sector screen around Rockall whilst I waited for the helo. I owe them all my life. Thanks Team. Cam Cameron VR FRGS

### A message from VR1S

Patrick, **GW3WCA** recently got in touch and we display his email in full.

About 1964 I was the Technical Officer at the Funafuti Meteorological Station, Tuvalu and for about two years, mostly weekends, I operated as VR1S using a National NCX3 transceiver. Now in my 90's and with no-one to talk to I hope to be operating shortly as GW3WCA. I stumbled across your website when I was looking for ham info – how things have changed!

Great to read that Patrick is looking to get back on air in his 90's! Certainly is changed days!

We've asked what equipment he will be using nowadays and hopefully some skeds can be arranged with readers taking part and talking to Patrick, welcoming him back into the hobby.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

#### **A2, BOTSWANA**

#### **V5, NAMIBIA**

#### **ZS, SOUTH AFRICA**

Steffen, DL1SX is travelling with a 4x4 through South Africa, Namibia and Botswana until mid-July. Operation during his spare time as ZS/call, V5/call and A25SX.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Vasily R7AL and Mike RU3UR are QRV from Lahuta beach close to Dilli. (Same QTH as 4W1A). They will be staying there for approximately the next 20 days. Activity on various bands and modes. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**5Z, KENYA** Vlad, UA4WHX is operating as 5Z4/call from Maralal. Operation on HF using mostly CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call, direct only.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Pavel, CO7WT is operating as call/6Y until begin August. Pavel is on a business trip but is QRV during his spare time from 40 to 6 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**7Q, MALAWI** On a missionary effort, but a lot of time devoted to amateur radio, Bill K4CD and Jerry W1IE are visiting Malawi until July 3. Providing support at the Embangweni Mission Hospital which also has a radio shack nearby, look for them as 7Q7WW from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via W1IE.

### **Back in time...Baker Island 2018**



**ET, ETHIOPIA** Robert W9XY and Ken K4ZW are active as ET3AA from the club station until June 29. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N2OO, direct or bureau.

**FJ, ST BARTHS** Frank, K3TRM is now active as FJ/call until July 8. Operation mainly on 6 meter and sats with some SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** The next trip to FP by KV1J is ongoing until until July 11. QRV



in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

**KH2, GUAM** Yas, JA1QQU will be active as KH2/call between June 29 and July 4. Operation on 10 and 6 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**IS0, SARDINIA** Stefan, DL3BY is operating as IS0/call until June 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi in QRP-style. QSL via home call.

**OY, FAROES** Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS are active as OY/calls until July 5. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again active as TR8CR until July 31. Operation on HF using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Look for V63WJR in 'holiday-style' on 15, 12, 10 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 until September. *'I operate at my pleasure and as my time permits (meaning when i am not 4norkelling, surfing, scuba diving, or working on my boat).'* QSL via WA7WJR, LoTW

**VP9, BERMUDA** Dave, G4OSY is active from Hamilton Parish until July 8 as VP9/call. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

**XW, LAOS** Simon, HS0ZIB is once again active after 2 years starting end June. Operation in 'QRP-style' as XW0LP. QTH is near Luang Prabang. Simon mentions 'This time I hope to make Laos my retirement home and I have therefore rented a rural property outside Luang Prabang that is electrically very quiet. I am currently waiting for my callsign reactivation, which might not be XW0LP, but that really isn't an issue. Lao PDR doesn't allow operation on 80m, 30m and 6m. So that simplifies my antennas! But I have asked for special permission to operate on a single frequency on 6 meters. Once my new licence is issued I'll run 100 watts from my Icom IC-7300. I have already installed a vertical fan quarter wave dipoles for 40/20/17/12 and 10 meters. The antenna for top band will wait until I get the licence (because it's a lot of work for me to install an efficient top band antenna!.'

**On the scene...homebrew vertical at Laos XW0LP, by Simon HS0ZIB**



## Coming up soon

**8Q, MALDIVES** Bert, CX3AN will be QRV as 8Q7HU between July 11-18 from Dhaalu Atoll. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via EB7DX.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Three operators (so far) from the North America branch of the venerable Russian Robinson Club (RRC), Yuri N3QQ and James KB2FMH, will setup a station on a mountaintop inside the American Samoa National Park between July 12 and July 18. This time it will be both an IOTA and POTA activity besides the DX entity many seek. Many have activated it as an IOTA entity but this will be the first ever POTA activity on the island. Band and mode plan

will be published soon. More details on KH8RRC to follow.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** For those chasing the ARRL VOTA (Volunteers On The Air) activity this year, KH8RRC team will also be operating as W1AW/KH8 between July 12-18 at random times throughout each day; SSB, CW and FT8 or FT4.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Ben, PE5B will be operating as PJ7/call from July 7 until July 14. Operation on HF using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

## **IOTA**

### **This week on air**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-200 Shodo Isl** Take JS6RRR is once again QRV as JI3DST until July 5. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com information.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-028 Elba** Domenico IK1MNF is active as call/IA5 until end September. Operation from 20 to 6 meter. The equipment consists of verticals and a FinnFet-PA. QSL via home call.

**EU-050 Tremiti Isl** Franco, IZ5IUY is QRV as IL7/call until June 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter and on 144Mhz and 433Mhz. QSL via home call.

**EU-122 Rathlin Isl** Paul, G4PVM is active in 'holiday-style' until June 29. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB, 6 and 80 meter might be possible. QSL via LoTW, log upload to Club Log.

**EU-145 Ilha Deserta** Frank, DH0VA will be active as CT7/call between June 29 and July 11. Operation on 20 meter using CW only. QSL via home call, more on Instagram dh0va\_c01.

#### **Bermuda, VP9**



#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-134 Meteorit Isl**

**NA-134 Herbert Isl**

Bo, OZ1DJJ is active as OX3LX from Qaanaaq until July 16. Focus on 6 and 4 meter on HF. A side trip to these islands might be possible.

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VE3KTB is once again active as VY0RAC until July 12.



## **OCEANIA**

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Ragn LB3RE is active as DU1/call until July 18. Operation from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

**OC-067 Huahine Isl** Didier, F6BCW is operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity until October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** A large team of operators will be operating as 4W8X in November 2023. Operation 24/7 on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. Also EME 144Mhz, 432Mhz and 1296 Mhz. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Look for TX6D (DL7DF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL6SAK, DL7BO and DL7UFR) from Tahiti between October 2 and October 15. Activity from 160 to 10 meter (60 meter also) using CW, SSB and digi. <http://www.dl7df.de/fo/>

**On the scene...FJ/K3TRM St Barths**



#### **THE REMINDERS**

##### **Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH**

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

**KH2, GUAM** September 16-30 as KH2/call

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** October 3-15 (call pending)

**V6, MICRONESIA** October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**5W, SAMOA** Livio 9A7Y, Mladen 9A2NA, Borut S50B and Rolando 9A3MR will be active as 5W0LM between October 1 and October 14. Operation from 1.8 to 50 Mhz using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is Malololelei near Apia. QSL via 9A3MR.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of

DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

**9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO** Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9Q2WX between August 20 and September 9. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IZ8CCW. <https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/>

**9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO** 6-18 September are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Seven operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CKR, IK2HKT and IV3ZXQ) will be active as 9Q1AA (SSB, CW and RTTY) and 9Q1ZZ (FT8 F/H) with at least four stations on 80-6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8, 160m CW and FT8, 20 metres RTTY. They will also be active via the QO-100 satellite. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

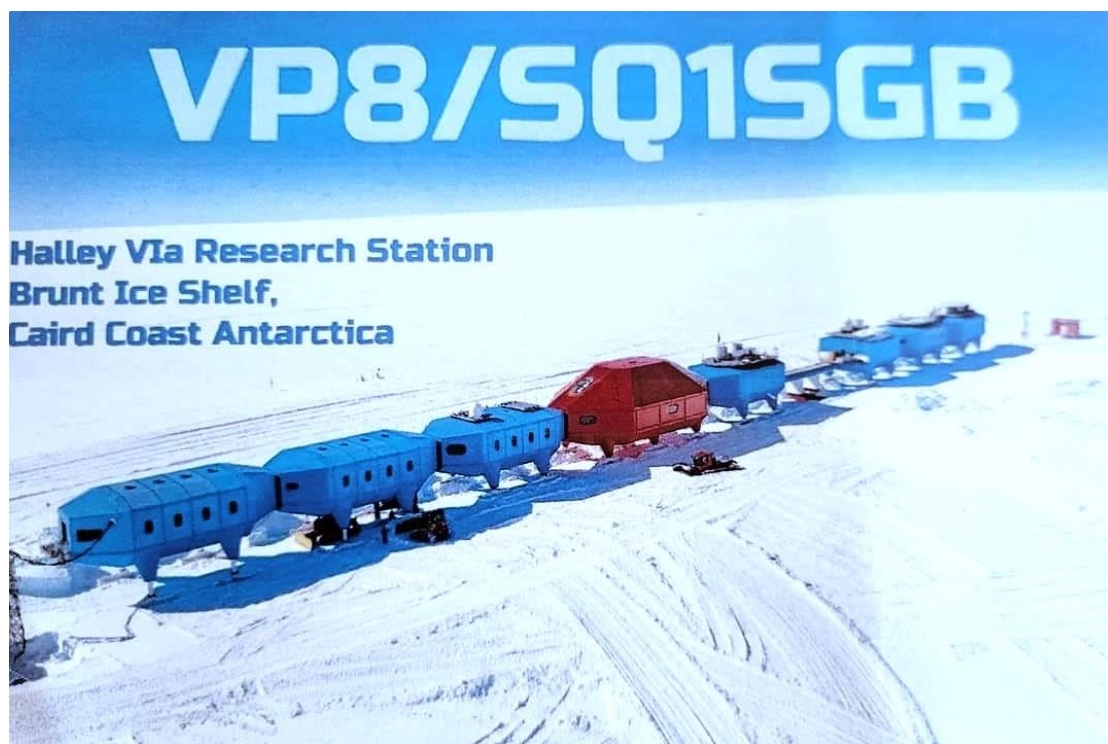
**C2, NAURU** Look again for C21TS sometime in July 2023. Plans are on track for a longer and better equipped operation. More news expected soon.

**CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ** A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**E6, NIUE** Michael, DF8AN will be operating as E6AJ between November 3 and November 10. Operation on HF using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.



**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G in April 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW. <https://australfvacation.amebaownd.com/>

**FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL** The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci



HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxq.net/>

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL later this year. DX-World is aware of the dates but this info will first be released at FHN, Ham Radio, Germany at the end of June. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**FS, ST MARTIN** The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KCOW informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** A team of Washington State amateur radio operators will be active as H44WA in March 2024. More to follow. <http://www.h44wa.com/>



**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between November 15 and November 29. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](#)

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 will once again be operating starting around July 20. Operation mainly on CW with some FT8.

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** The W8S DXpedition to Swains Island is now set to take place on October 4 - 17. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. "Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020", PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

**OY, FAROE**  
**TF, ICELAND**

Mek SP7VC and Kasia SQ7OYL will be operating as OY/SP7VC during July 23-26 and as TF/SP7VC



during July 27 and August 17. They are travelling by motorhome so are able to take all their needed amateur radio equipment. They're planning to be active on 14 MHz bands and in the VHF segment on 50, 70 and 144MHz bands with amplifiers.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will once again be active as P40W between October 24 and October 30. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Outside the contest focus on WARC bands and 160 CW. QSL via LoTW or N2MM.

**PJ6, SABA** PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV in 'holiday-style' between November 20-29 as PJ7EE. Activity on HF primarily on CW using a vertical antenna. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.

**T8, PALAU** Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Miki, JJ2CJB will be operating as V63CB during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 28-29). QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL** Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI (both previously A35V, V6Z, VK9CZ, ZK2V) will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XGM during November 21 to December 5, 2023. Two stations active on SSB/CW. Also one station active on FT8 or FT4. Multi-two entry in the CQWW CW Contest 2023.



**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila from October 26 until November 3. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME. <https://www.dxobsessed.org/>

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** After a short break, Diya YI1DZ will again be active from South Sudan as Z81D starting mid-July. QRV on FT8. QSL via OM3JW.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** Jacek, SP5EAQ is planning an one man operation as ZL7/call starting on October 20 for 2 weeks. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB only. Jacek mentions that any

support from organizations and individuals would be greatly appreciated as travel costs have reached an exorbitant level. He also asks you direct any questions to his email address listed on QRZ.com. The QTH in Waitangi (ZL7) has already been secured.

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-066 Solovetsky Isl** A team with RA1QY, R3XDA, RZ3EC, RU3EG, RU5D & UA3EDQ will be active as RI1OR between July 25 and July 29. Operation as R3RRC/1 also from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via RZ3EC.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-067 Ocracoke Isl** Jon, WB8YJF will be active between July 22 and August 4. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via home call.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-039 Commander Isl** A team with R7AA, UA7A, UA6EX and RM0F will be QRV as RI0Z between August 18 and September 3. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via R7AA.

<https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/>

**AS-062 Shikotan Isl** Look for RI0FS by the Russian Robinson Club between August 9 and August 17. Last operation goes back in 2016. QSL via RN3RS. See their website for more details. [https://www.rdx.org/RRC/club\\_e.htm](https://www.rdx.org/RRC/club_e.htm)

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-064 Ile Noirmoutier** Look for DL1KVN as F/call/P between July 15 and July 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB during his spare time. A one day trolley trip is included to Ile d'yeu EU-064.

**EU-137 Ven Isl** A Danish team will be QRV as SM7/OZ5BAL during July 28-30. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via OZ0J, direct or bureau, Club Log.

**EU-189 Isle of Rockall** MM0UKI is going to be QRV again from Rockall, EU-189 on Thursday, July 20th. Nobby, G0VJG and the SV Taeping team will be returning to the island to collect (by then) world record occupation holder Cam Cameron after his 60 days [fundraising expedition](#) comes to an end. Mainly the return visit is to get Cam off the islet safely along with all the equipment, however Nobby plans approx 4-6 hours activity on 40 & 20m SSB only.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-176 Petite-Ile-au-Marteau** Team VB2M will be operating between July 22 and July 30, with an entry in the IOTA contest. Operation nonstop from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

## **Lighthouse**

**FR-0014 Berck-sur-Mer** DJ8EI, DL1DCT, DL8KR, DK5OPA, DL5KA and DJ5KX will be QRV under TM0BSM from the lighthouse in Berck-sur-Mer (France, FR-0014) from 16-21 August 2023. QSL via LoTW. Beside QO-100 (CW/SSB) they will be also QRV on HF. Logs will be loaded on to QO-100 Club, Clublog & LOTW. No QSL Cards will be printed - Confirmation is only via LOTW.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9A, CROATIA** The special event station **9A150TESLA**, in cooperation with the Croatian Amateur



Radio society and the Nikola Tesla Experience Centre, celebrates the 150th anniversary of Tesla's high school education during June and July. QSL via bureau or direct via 9A7R. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DL0SOP** will be active on 1-31 July for the 65<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sea of Peace Award (see <https://dl0sop.darc.de/> for full details). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DL4SVA. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** On the occasion of the centenary of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, F1IEH is active as **TM100GPF** from 18 June to 2 July. QSL via home call. The special callsign's suffix stands for Grand Prix de France, the motor race held in June 1906 that has become known as the first Grand Prix. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** French special callsigns to be activated for this year's 110th edition of the Tour de France include **TM110TDF** on 1-3, 8, 9 and 14- 23 July (QSL via F8GGZ) and TM33TDF on 8-9 July (QSL via F6KUQ). (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** **IL3P** is a special callsign to be used between 1 July and 30 September from various locations in the Italian region of Veneto. On 28- 31 July team IL3P will be active from Pellestrina Island (EU-131), including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**On the scene...Nodir EY8MM as HV0A from Vatican City**



**UA, RUSSIA** Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (R3RRC), several special callsigns are expected to be in use between 1 and 31 July: **R30RRC, RA30RR, RC30RR, RD30RR, RJ30RR, RK30RR, RL30RR, RM30RR, RN30RR, RO30RR, RT30RR, RU30RR, RV30RR, RW30RR, RX30RR, RZ30RR**. Other stations joining the celebrations include **DR30RRC, GB0RRC, HG30RRC, II9RRC, KH6RRC, KH8RRC, KL7RRC, LZ30RRC, OL30RRC and OM30RRC**. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** **VX7NA** is the special callsign for the Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association to celebrate its 75th anniversary between 24 June and 24 July. Main activity will be during the ARRL Field Day (24-25 June) and RAC Canada Day Contest (1 July). NARA is based on Vancouver Island (NA-036). QSL via VE7NA. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** The third Youth on the Air (YOTA) summer camp for young radio amateurs aged 15-25 in the Americas (<https://youthontheair.org/>) will be held on 16-21 July at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. Campers will operate special event station **VE3YOTA** during breaks between sessions. In addition, there will be dedicated operating times on the HF bands (17 and 18 July between 23 and 3 UTC) and satellites, as well as for a POTA activation (see qrz.com for the details). QSL via LoTW, or W0AAE. (TNX 425DX)

**W, USA** The following stations will be active during the 15th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: **K2A** (New York), **K2B** (Virginia), **K2C** (Rhode Island), **K2D** (Connecticut), **K2E** (Delaware), **K2F** (Maryland), **K2G** (Georgia), **K2H** (Massachusetts), **K2I** (New Jersey), **K2J** (North Carolina), **K2K** (New Hampshire), **K2L** (South Carolina), and **K2M** (Pennsylvania), plus 'bonus stations' **WM3PEN** from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared), **GB13COL** from England (QSL direct, see qrz.com for instructions) and **TM13COL** from France (QSL via F5OGL). (TNX 425DX)

## **THE REMINDERS**

**5H, TANZANIA** **5H100TC** is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

<b>A60AP/0</b>	Op. A61Y	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/1</b>	Op. A61M	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/2</b>	Op. A61Q	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/3</b>	Op. A61FK	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/4</b>	Op. A61BK	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/5</b>	Op. A61DD	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/6</b>	Op. A61QQ	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/7</b>	Op. A61AY	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/8</b>	Op. A65GC	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/9</b>	Op. A61ZX	QSL: IZ8CLM
<b>A60AP/10</b>	Op. A65BR	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/11</b>	Op. A61NN	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/12</b>	Op. A65GD	QSL: Direct
<b>A60AP/13</b>	Op. A65GJ	QSL: Direct
<b>A60AP/14</b>	Op. A61FJ	QSL: LZ1YE
<b>A60AP/15</b>	Op. A61DI	QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active until the end of August. (TNX DXNL) For more information see:

[https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut\\_prog/](https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/)

**DL, GERMANY** Special event callsign **DM23BUGA** is active until October 8. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The suffix stands for "Bundesgartenschau", the biennial horticulture show and festival that this year will take place in Mannheim. (TNX 425DX)

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**DL, GERMANY** **DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary until September 30. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via



the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DR0LIMES** is active until June 30 for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Franck, F4DTO, and Patrick, F4GFE, mark the 350th anniversary of D'Artagnan's death with the callsign **TM350DA** until the end of September. An award is also available: Bronze = QSOs on 3 bands, Silver = QSOs on 4 bands, Gold = QSOs on 5 bands, Platinum = QSOs on 6 bands For more information see qrz.com. QSL via F4GFE (d/B).

**On the scene... "FT8WW team meets 3Y0J team members! Good memory of our QSO between #2 and #3 most wanted DXCC."**



**G, ENGLAND** Radio amateurs in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies may use a special Regional Secondary Locator until end June to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (alternatively, they can append the suffix "/23C" to their callsigns). The RSL - i.e. the second letter in the existing callsign (**D, I, J, M, U** and **W**, plus E for Intermediate licences) - may be replaced by the letter '**R**'; where no RSL exists, the letter 'R' may be added. Club Log will map all the GR/MR/2R callsigns to England, unless a callsign exception exists for the station. A number of awards will be available; see <https://rsgb.org/coronation> for the details. Also taking part in the celebrations will be a number of GB special callsigns, including stations from England (GB0KCC, GB0KCH, GB1KC, GB2KCC, GB3KCR, GB4HCC, GB4KC, GB4RLS), Jersey (GB3KCJ) and North- ern Ireland (GB0KC, GB8KC, GB8KCC, GB9HRH) to name a few. QSL, if any, via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND GB2KC** marks the coronation during June.

**GU, GUERNSEY** To mark the 19<sup>th</sup> Island Games, look for **GB5IG** from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, on 80 to 10m, SSB, FT8/FT4, and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too. QSL will be via LoTW, or direct only to GU8ITE.

Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and South Atlantic — come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games. In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'.

700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic—a 5,000-mile trip.

**HK, COLOMBIA** The Liga Radio Bogota commemorate the bicentennial of the Naval Battle of Lake Maracaibo and the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Colombian Radio Amateurs League. QRV on July 22-24 as **5K200** and **5K90**. Awards will be available. (thanks Javier HK3EA)

**I, ITALY** Ninety-five years ago (25 May 1928) the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign **II1ITR** is active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW until July 12. QSL via IZ1ETD. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/II1ITR> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Novara are active as **II1CAI** until end June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza ([www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it)) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

**LA, NORWAY** **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX90RTL** is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

**LY, LITHUANIA** Special callsigns **LY1933DG**, **LY90DG**, **LY90FLY**, **LY90SD** and **LY90SG** will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas. On 15 July 1933 they attempted a nonstop flight from New York City to Kaunas in a small airplane named "Lituanica". After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they crashed on 17 July when they were only 650 km short of their final destination. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ78KA** (June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** **OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rcf/713> (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in the Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 100th anniversary of those pioneer



stations in the field of long-range long-wave telegraphic communication, special event stations **PA100K**, **PA100M** and **PA100PCG** are active until end June. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available; detailed information can be found on <https://radioclublimgburg.nl/mk/index.html>. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **PA85TP** during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and **PI9TP** is also available from the Manager Edwin, **PE5ENJ** ([pd5enj@msn.com](mailto:pd5enj@msn.com)). (TNX DXNL)

**SM, SWEDEN** **8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, **SK5AA** to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to **SK5AA**, or direct to **SM5FUG**. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special event stations **3Z90LOT**, **HF90LOT**, **SN90LOT**, **SO90LOT**, **SP90LOT** and **SQ90LOT** will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of the "Lituanica" (see LY above). See <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/lituanica/> for the certificate and more information. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

**UA, RUSSIA** Commemorating the role that radio (and radio amateurs) had in rescuing the survivors of the airship "Italia" disaster, special callsigns **RT95NS**, **RT95MS** and **RT95KG** (QSLs via **RN3RQ**) will be active from 25 May to 12 July. The suffixes memorialize Nikolai Schmidt, the radio amateur who first picked up the SOS on 3 June 1928, and his close friend Mikhail Smirnov, as well as Aleksandr Kozhevnikov and Vladislav Grzhibovsky, radio amateurs and radiomen on board two of the ships that participated in the search and rescue operations. Also active will be **R1LK** (QSL via **RV1AQ**), the onboard amateur radio station of the "Krasin", the icebreaker (now a museum ship in Saint Petersburg) that reached the castaways on 12 July 1928. A couple of certificates will be available on <https://hamlog.online/> for contacts made with these stations and **II1ITR**. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** **CK3WEJ**, operated by Dave, **VE3WEJ**, celebrates King Charles' coronation. All Canadian amateurs may use special prefixes until July 2. QSL via LoTW.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VK100ZL** celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023. **ZL100** is active until July 25.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (**VK2MB**) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via **VK3ATL** (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustralia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until end 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via **VK5PAS** (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VR, HONG KONG** In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

**VU, INDIA** Look for **AU40NRO** until end June to celebrate The 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via **VU2NRO**. (TNX 425DX)

**XE, MEXICO** Special callsign **4B0T** is used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon **XE1KK** says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". **4B0T** will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

**YO, ROMANIA** **YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club **YO6KGS** will be using until June 30 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

**YU, SERBIA** The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.